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ATTACK ON 'SILIUS' NOT WARRANTED

Germany Ready to Make Amends If It Develops That German U-Boat Sank Norwegian Bark.

Americans Aboard Neutral Ship Say It Was Not Warned—Austria Cites Attacks On Liners.

Washington, March 14—Unofficial advices received here today indicate that Germany will make complete amends to the United States if it is found that a German submarine torpedoed the Norwegian bark Silius, from which seven Americans were rescued, in Havre Roads.

The German government is represented here as believing that a torpedo was not responsible for the loss of the bark, holding that any commander who attacks a neutral ship such as the Silius without warning would be exceeding his instructions.

The sinking of the Silius has been the cause of much concern here because American Consul Osborne at Havre reported that the ship was torpedoed without warning. His report was based on statements of American survivors who are inclined to entertain the possibility that the ship might have been struck by a mine, but the case is being investigated further. Today the statement received another report from Consul Osborne which made no mention of the cause of the sinking, merely saying the vessel was unarmed, carried a cargo of grain and no passengers. Of the crew of 17 members, three perished, among the captain, a Norwegian.

Consul Osborne also reported the names of four of the seven Americans aboard the ship as John Hartman, Philadelphia, and Daniel Nohal, John Van Galen and Henry Monahan, addresses not given. Hartman is in a hospital with a fractured hip. The other three are on the way to New York aboard the steamer Tanderier, due to arrive here April 1.

London, March 14—A Reuter despatch from Christiansia says it is reported there that the Norwegian government has asked Germany whether a German submarine torpedoed the Norwegian bark Silius, which was sunk last week off the French coast. If the Silius was thus torpedoed, the despatch says, an explanation of the conditions under which the attack was made is requested.

AUSTRIA CITES ATTACKS.
Washington, March 14—Austria has presented to the United States reports of two instances in which it is charged Austrian merchant ships were torpedoed without warning by allied submarines, presumably British.

ATTEMPT TO STOP WILLARD-MORAN BOUT IS FAILURE

Albany, March 14—The attempt of Assemblyman Martin G. McCue, of New York, a former pugilist, to prevent putting on of the Willard-Moran boxing contest met with failure today. McCue, who last week was refused unanimous consent to introduce a resolution calling upon the state athletic commission to revoke the license for the contest, moved today to suspend the rules to permit its introduction but the motion was defeated by a vote vote.

McCue then rose to a question of personal privilege and assailed a sporting writer on the New York paper who had questioned his motives. Referring to the fact that he was formerly a prize fighter, he said: "That is the proudest hair in my pompadour," and he repeated with charge of last week that the Willard-Moran contest would not be an honest one.

Patrick Howard Is Named for Place On Board of Examiners

Patrick H. Howard has been designated to be a member at Bridgeport of the Civil Service Examiners for the First District. Mr. Howard will represent the carrier of the local postoffice taking the place left vacant by Edward Fagan when he became superintendent of carriers.

ARCHITECTS OF STATE TO MEET HERE TOMORROW

The Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects will hold their fifty-first meeting and banquet at the Stratfield tomorrow, afternoon and evening. The Bridgeport members are Warren R. Briggs, Edward E. Caldwell, Jr., and Ernest G. Southery. Mr. Briggs is the secretary and treasurer of the chapter.

TURKS DENY ENVER PASHA IS ASSASSIN'S VICTIM

Athens, March 14—The Turkish legation, which hitherto has denied absolutely the reports which have been in circulation concerning the assassination of Enver Pasha, Turkish minister of war, made this announcement today: "We have no official advices concerning Enver Pasha."

MOREHOUSE AND PECK IN POW AT VOTERS' SESSION

Perennial Political Foes Fight Over Laying Sidewalks In Stratford

OUST TELLERS WHO DISAGREE ON COUNT

Tax This Year Will Be 15.8 for First and 15.2 for Second

(Special to The Farmer)
Stratford, March 14—The adjourned annual town meeting of Stratford was held last night. As no town meeting is complete without a scrap between Judge Charles E. Peck and Prosecuting Attorney Ivan L. Morehouse the two G. O. P. rivals and their cohorts picked out the matter of laying sidewalks, and locked horns. Verbiage flourished and for most of the meeting the question of what the town tax should be was shoved into the background. Judge Peck made a few motions and his opponents trampled on them.

One of the features of the set-to was a disagreement between two tellers, each representing one of the factions. No matter how often each teller counted, he found his side was in the majority. To expedite matters, the tellers were discharged and three were appointed to take their places. The boys paused for a moment in their belligerence to unite forces against the Connecticut Co. Unanimously, they rapped the trolley service and drew up a resolution condemning it. Then they went back to the real business of disagreeing.

There weren't enough chairs in the hall and half the voters were standing.

A tax of 15.8 for the first district and 15.2 for the second was laid.

A resolution was introduced by Judge Charles H. Peck asking that sidewalks be placed on Ferry Boulevard and from Main street on Barnum to the city line. Judge Peck made an urgent plea for sidewalks, saying that he did not care where the sidewalks were placed but that these two thoroughfares as examples of the great need for some permanent pavement. "Time and time one will see walking in the middle of the road," he said. "Consider the danger these little ones are in being run down by some kind of a vehicle."

Elliott Peck, chairman of the finance board said that he was heartily in favor of sidewalks but after all expenses are paid there will only be \$3,550 left with which to accomplish this work.

DURKIN & LAAS SETTLE SUIT OF THEIR LAWYERS

High School Contractors Agree to Pay About Half of Lawyers' Claim

The suit brought by Attorneys Marsh, Stoddard & Day against Durkin & Laas, the New York contractors, was settled this morning just before it was ready for trial before Judge Gager and a jury in the superior court. The plaintiffs agreed to take \$775 without costs in settlement, although they originally claimed \$1,500. They brought the suit to recover legal services to Durkin & Laas, who had the contract for building the High School.

The defendants declared the bill excessive in view of the fact that they had previously paid \$225.51 for services.

Testifies That Auto Victim Was Befuddled

"Oforecki had been drinking and he had a half pint of whiskey in his inside pocket," declared Michael Spellacy of 1339 Stratford avenue when testifying today before Coroner John J. Phelan. The coroner is investigating the manner in which John Oforecki of Hallett street was run down Wednesday morning and injured by a jitney bus driven by George Borek. Oforecki is in a critical condition at the Bridgeport hospital. Spellacy told the coroner today that Oforecki chattered into the street with his head down and paused for a second in the gutter. He thought he was going to stay there. Instead of that he started forward in the path of the car. In trying to avoid running down the man Borek turned his car so that it skidded completely around and the rear of the car struck him, knocking him down. Two of his left ribs were broken and one punctured his left lung.

Spellacy told the coroner he believed that Borek was driving carefully and that he did everything in his power to avoid striking Oforecki. In his opinion the injured man was befuddled by drink.

HUSBAND CRUEL, SHE SEEKS SEPARATION

Mary Korn of this city, filed papers in the superior court this morning in divorce proceedings against John F. Korn of New Haven. She alleges intolerable cruelty and intemperance. The couple were married January 11, 1910. Mrs. Korn's maiden name was Mary Smith.

TRUSTEES MAKE PLANS FOR NEW CLUB OF EAGLES

Insurance Adjusters Here to Settle for Damage to Old Building

MAIN STREET SITE FAVORED FOR HOME

Efforts Are Made to Have Neighborhood Lot Converted Into Park Land

(Special to The Farmer)
Adjusters from the insurance companies are expected here tomorrow to confer with the committee of the Bridgeport Aerie of Eagles to settle damage caused by the recent fire at Eagles' hall, Madison avenue. It is the desire of members of the aerie that some settlement be made at once so that work may be started on repairs of the building. The aerie has arranged a carnival to be held from April 28 to May 9 and it is desired that the hall be repaired so that it may be used by that time. Because of the nature of the damage the hall is not available for any social gathering at this time. Many societies that had planned affairs to be held there have been obliged to get other halls or else cancel the engagements.

The committee named on behalf of the aerie to confer with the appraisers for the fire insurance companies is: John L. Lynch, president of the Aerie; Thomas M. McNamara, secretary; John J. Doyle, George M. Case and Daniel Brooley, trustees, and Fire Commissioner John H. Tague. As soon as a settlement is agreed on the work of repairing the building will begin.

The aerie owns the property on the east side of Main street just north of East Washington avenue and with the proceeds of the carnival a building fund will be established for the purpose of erecting a handsome home on the location.

The members who were instrumental in getting this property are anxious that a new home shall be erected there as soon as possible. Considerable revenue is derived by renting the large assembly hall and the adjacent ante-rooms in the present building in Madison avenue and the disposition of this building when the new home is erected is rather problematical. Some members favor keeping it for the revenue it brings. Others propose to sell the building and use the money from the sale to aid in building the new home. Several offers for the building and property which are considered worth in the neighborhood of \$100,000 have been received.

At the carnival a five-passenger automobile and \$2,000 in gold will be given away to aid the building fund.

Some time ago directly after the Eagles purchased the new property in Main street, Thomas H. Reddy, then a member of the common council, proposed that the city purchase the triangular plot at Main street, Washington avenue and Catherine street. The plot is right at Bull's Head and directly facing the Eagles' property. It is owned by the McMahon estate and has been for some time occupied by bill boards. Because of the peculiar shape of the plot it could hardly be adapted to advantage for building purposes. In view of the fact upon the plot was to build a clubhouse in the neighborhood former Alderman Reddy thought it would add to the attractiveness of the section to have this property made available to her. It would afford a breathing place for the children at Bull's head.

The resolution, which he introduced before the common council was referred to the park board but no action has been taken because the board says it has no money for this purpose.

THREE BUILDINGS FOR Y.W.C.A. IS LIKELIEST PLAN

Central Building, a Boarding Home and East Side House Projected

Three buildings will be needed by the Y. W. C. A. to carry on the work for which the fund just raised was planned. A central building containing an auditorium, cafeteria, gymnasium, swimming pool, class rooms, clubs and offices is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$175,000. The cafeteria would accommodate about 200 persons a day.

A boarding home in a residential section of the city, with rooms for 100 women and girls, is expected to cost \$30,000. A building for the East Side work is estimated to cost \$25,000.

HOUSE PLANS TO RUSH BILLS FOR PREPAREDNESS

Washington, March 14—In keeping with the President's desire to have all preparedness measures rushed through Congress, the House rules committee today appointed a subcommittee to confer with Speaker Clark on sidetracking all other business after the passage of the free sugar repeal in favor of the army bill.

CARRANZA'S SOLDIERS ENCIRCLE VILLA BAND AS U.S. TROOPS MOVE

JOHN T. AWAY AS G.O.P. LEADERS MEET; J. HENRY OFFERS A FEW REMARKS

(Special to The Farmer)
Hartford, March 14—With John T. King absent when the Republican State Central committee met here today to name a date and place for the spring convention, J. Henry Roraback, the chairman, held the center of the stage. He entertained the committee at luncheon and then relieved himself in a few well chosen and diplomatic remarks.

Among his utterances was the expression by Mr. Roraback that he didn't think the spring convention would send United States Senators McLean and Brandegee as delegates to the national Republican convention. Mr. Roraback said he hadn't heard that they wanted the jobs, and, besides, if he were holding down a senatorship, he didn't think he'd want to go.

DEFER CHARGING HAINES JURYMEN UNTIL TOMORROW

Arguments of Prosecution and Defense Are Heard Today

Opening arguments of prosecution and defense in the case of Jason S. Haines, charged before Judge James H. Webb and a jury in the criminal superior court with killing his wife, Anna, at their homestead in Trumbull last September, began this morning before a court room which was crowded to its capacity.

Closing arguments will continue until late this evening, with the charge to the jury by the court deferred until tomorrow morning. It is likely that a verdict may be reached tomorrow afternoon.

Assistant State's Attorney Galen A. Carter summed up the case for the prosecution at the opening of court today. He began by reading from the statutes showing that intoxication was not an excuse for the crime. He characterized Haines as a brute and intimated that his insanity was feigned. He dwelt upon the episode in Fairfield last July when Haines is alleged to have threatened to kill his wife and said that before her death Mrs. Haines had predicted what a public enemy he would be.

Attorney Carter said that the state would like to show what happened in the home three or four minutes prior to the shooting but Haines had "luckily" forgotten what happened. Edward F. Jettigan's veracity had not been impeached, the prosecutor thought. That Haines was not crazy the state contended had been proved by the fact that Haines is said to have told Deputy Sheriff Emil Berger "I killed her because I had a right to."

The state contended that three shots had been fired, one inside and two outside of the house.

A recess was taken after which Judge Robert E. DeForest, of counsel for the defense, arose.

Quoting authorities upon drunkenness and insanity in the cases of murder, Judge DeForest told the jury that there was no law of nature that compelled the taking of a man's life because of a killing—that such an act was merely a human institution. He then told how the minds of the public might be swayed by reports and asked the jury to consider only the actual evidence they heard in court. He characterized the statements of Jason Haines, Jr., on the stand as of the utmost importance to the defense.

A peaceful, law abiding nature, having undergone much in 20 years of marital life. He was always forgiving and kindhearted, he said, even up to the hours before the crime when he had gone himself for a physician to treat wounds he had unintentionally inflicted.

The state had said Judge DeForest had not shown that Haines was sane at the time and specifically showed that it was not necessary for the accused to show his insanity. Judge DeForest asked the jury to weigh in their own minds the doubt that might exist and if in the minds of one of these there should be a doubt that Haines should not be accused of first, or even second degree murder.

Haines was a kind-hearted man, should be the deduction from testimony offered by many witnesses, through Congress, the House rules committee today appointed a subcommittee to confer with Speaker Clark on sidetracking all other business after the passage of the free sugar repeal in favor of the army bill.

Report to Washington From Chihuahua Commander Says That Force of 15,000 Carranzistas Are Surrounding Rebels, With More Reinforcements Coming—Censorship Holds Border Towns As General Pershing and Troops Get Under Way—Four Thousand Troops Ready For Dash From Columbus, N. M.

Washington, March 14—Francisco Villa, heading south from Galeana, is now encircled by Carranza troops, according to advices from General Luis Gutierrez, commander-in-chief of Chihuahua, today. With fifteen thousand men in Chihuahua and heavy reinforcements on their way, he thinks Villa has small chance to escape.

Rigid Censorship in Force

San Antonio, Tex., March 14—A rigid censorship was ordered established at Columbus, N. M., today by Major General Funston. He instructed Brig. General Pershing, commanding there, to take charge of the telegraph office, watch all automobile routes and guard telephone wires out of the town. This action was taken to prevent news of the troop movement leaking out in press despatches.

General Funston said newspaper reports from New Mexico had been revealing every movement of the troops.

General Pershing Leaves El Paso

El Paso, March 14—Brigadier General John J. Pershing, commanding the American expeditionary force into Mexico, left here on a west-bound train last night and since his departure military authorities have refused all information about him.

General Pershing's train was said to be going to Columbus, N. M., where today some four thousand men of the first expeditionary force are in readiness for the dash after Villa.

NACO, FEARING RAID, IS CLOSELY GUARDED

Naco, Mex., March 14—Naco was under arms during the night as the result of reports that a raid on the town was planned for the early morning hours. Women, children and invalids were hurried from the border by American. Today all was quiet. Following reports last night that Villa sympathizers at Cananea, Sonora, were threatening trouble, the wires between that town and the border was cut.

The authorities here were also informed that several pieces of artillery were discovered hidden in a house at Nogales, Sonora, and that Mexican soldiers had been seen carrying what appeared to be ammunition to the place. In Naco the company of infantry on duty on the American side was augmented by another company from Bisbee. The patrols were given instructions to "shoot to kill" anyone found trying to burn houses or who refused to halt at command.

GARRANZA IS PLEASED WITH WILSON'S STAND ON CROSSING BOUNDARY

BICYCLE DEALER FOUND GUILTY OF FOUR PERJURIES

Judge Thomas Fines Bridgeporter \$100 In United States Court

(Special to The Farmer)
New Haven, March 14—Joseph Della, who conducted a bicycle store on Pembroke street, Bridgeport, was fined \$100 on four counts of perjury yesterday in the United States district court. Judge Thomas was on the bench.

The charges against Della grew out of bankrupt hearings in Bridgeport when Della is alleged to have made misstatements. He was declared to have obtained credit for stock, claiming to conduct four stores, whereas he had only two.

CORONER SEEKING STATEMENT FROM P. J. PENDERGAST

Coroner John J. Phelan was at the Bridgeport hospital late today to obtain a statement if possible from Patrick J. Pendergast, who was seriously injured when run down by a trolley car at Crescent avenue and William street yesterday. Pendergast suffered a fracture of the skull and internal injuries and is in a serious condition. He is 62 years old and lives at 1628 State street.

THE WEATHER

Unsettled tonight and Wednesday, probably rain or snow; moderate northeast winds, becoming fresh on the coast.